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**KARATE INSTRUCTOR** Gary King (foreground) works out with Arnold Mays at the SE Catholic Center's karate class, which is now meeting three times a week. King says his group is seeking contributions to expand its operations which are proving to be quite popular. The center is located at 823 1/2 8th SE.

## Poverty Worker Loses Job After Winning Election

LOLA Singletary quit as senior community organizer of the Near NE anti-poverty program last month after being told to resign as elected chairman of the Near NE Neighborhood Planning Council or lose her job.

The order came from the board of the Community Improvement Corp., which runs the Near NE program, after the United Planning Organization stated that Mrs. Singletary would have to make a choice between the two posts and implied that failure of the board to act might affect future funding of the CIC by UPO.

The unusual incident began with Mrs. Singletary's election to the unpaid but important Neighborhood Planning Council post. The council is responsible for planning summer programs in the area and may be given additional tasks by the city in the future. Mrs. Wilhemina Payne, former chairman, Democratic precinct leader and member of the CIC

board, withdrew from the running at the last minute, when it appeared that Mrs. Singletary was the certain victor. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Payne and others (Please turn to page 10)

## Gets 'Reclassified' Himself Principal's Letter To Draft Board Backfires

MADISON W. Tignor, principal of Eastern High School, went on extended leave last month following the revelation that he had written a Pennsylvania draft board requesting removal of the draft deferment of one of his teachers -- "as a patriotic gesture."

Shirley O. Brown, who has been assistant principal at Eastern since 1963, was named acting principal in Tignor's place.

The school administration also wrote English teacher J. G. Lord Jr.'s draft board and requested that Lord's deferment be reinstated.

"What he did is contrary to school practice," said assistant superintendent George R. Rhodes, speaking of Tignor's action.

Tignor's letter followed increased activity by a militant student group called the Modern Strivers, which Lord had been advising. The Strivers, who have demanded major reforms in both educational and administrative policies at Eastern, have been the subject of considerable publicity in recent weeks. They have pressed their fight in sit-ins, walk-outs, news conferences, and testimony before the School Board.

The Washington Teachers' Union has demanded that Tignor be fired.

Said Modern Strivers president Gregory Taylor of the principal's letter to the draft board, it "wasn't a very nice way to handle the situation."

## Poverty Agencies Find Money's Tight

### News Notes

#### Peace Convention

THE Democrats for Peace and Progress and the Concerned Citizens for Peace will hold a neighborhood nominating convention at Hine Jr. High, 8th & Penna. SE, on Sunday March 31, 4 pm. The results will be used to help determine the McCarthy-Kennedy slate of candidates for the May 7 primary. More political news will be found on page 6.

#### Veep Raps UPO

VICE President Humphrey took a slap at the United Planning Organization in a letter to the Capitol East Leadership Council. See page 7 for details. The agenda for the April Leadership Council meeting will be found on page 4.

#### New Boundaries

THE Brent PTA has approved controversial new boundaries for the school, which plans to double in enrollment next fall. See page 10 for details.

#### House Tour

SUNDAY, May 12 has been set as the date of this year's Capitol Hill House and Garden Tour, sponsored by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society.

Ten homes will be on the tour which will include tea at the Church of the Reformation, 2nd & E. Capitol.

Mrs. La Salle Caron is the chairman. Tickets may be purchased at the Emporium, from members of the society, or at one of the ten houses on the day of the tour.

#### Boost Bugles

THE Capitol Hill Jr. Chamber of Commerce has agreed to sponsor the Knights Drum and Bugle Corps. The corps recently hosted a drum and bugle competition in College Park, Md.

### Fund Cutback Is Required

CONGRESSIONAL economies in the national anti-poverty program are being felt in Capitol East. The United Planning Organization, which runs DC's anti-poverty program, has ordered Friendship House and the Near NE neighborhood development program to cut their next year's budget a total of \$78,000 from current spending levels.

Some \$42,000 of the cut would come from the Friendship House budget, the rest from Near NE.

UPO acted after the federal government cut its spending from \$5.6 million to \$4.6 million for next fiscal year. In addition, UPO will be losing several demonstration grants that have helped to fund local programs.

One of these grants has supported Community Laundries service center, which is currently seeking new sources of funding.

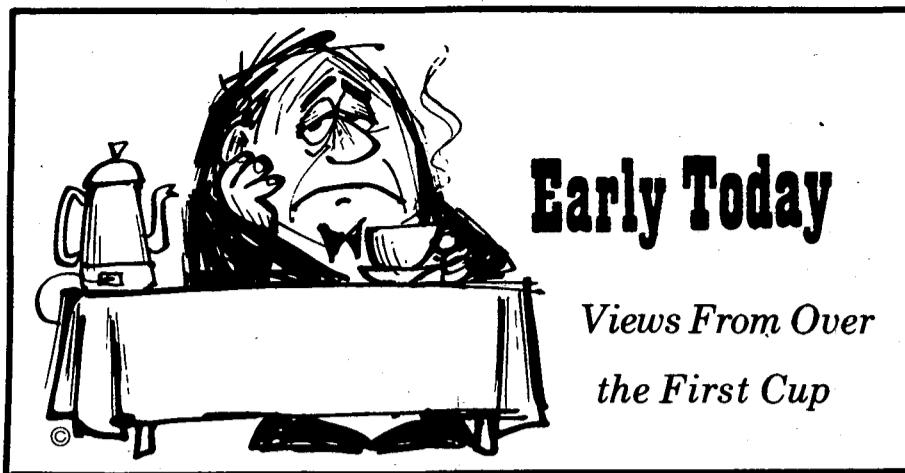
For Friendship House, the cut would slash its budget from last year's total of \$309,000 to \$267,000. Further, FH had asked for \$476,000 for next fiscal year before the budget cuts were announced. The cut reduces that figure by approximately 50%.

## Market Day Goes Mexican

A TACO stand, Mexican foods, and a variety of colorful south-of-the-border inspired handmade items will carry out the theme of "Market Day, 68 Mexico" to be held by the Circle-on-the-Hill at Friendship House, 619 D SE, on April 6.

Market Day, a fund raising event for Friendship House, will open at 10 am with welcoming remarks from Mrs. Wal-

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### More than just policy...

UPO AND THE CIC board made it sound like a simple matter of policy when they went after Lola Singletary for serving as chairman of the Near NE Neighborhood Planning Council while on the CIC payroll. Somehow or other, the conflict-of-interest policy never got written down and -- if it ever existed -- wasn't being followed elsewhere (as in Near SE where a neighborhood worker held the co-chairmanship of the local NPC without objections from UPO). Maybe UPO's going to make it a policy now, but the fact is that it didn't give a hang until pressure was applied by certain local Democratic politicians. For the CIC board to behave the way it did is pretty much par for the course these days (the other night it couldn't even agree on the minutes of the previous meeting), but did Bernie Fulton and Wiley Branton of UPO have to help botch things up? There's no excess of talent lying around the anti-poverty program these days, and I'd think the men at the top would want to be a little less casual about kicking out one of their best workers in this community. Anyway you look at it, Lola Singletary was treated in a crummy fashion by both the CIC and UPO. Expectedly, the reaction among other Near NE staff workers is: which one of us is next?

### Does it make sense?...

SINCE UPO HAS newly discovered such a stringent conflict-of-interest policy, it's worth considering whether it makes any sense. It doesn't. Implicit in the policy is the concept that poverty workers are the teachers and the community is the student body. In order for the students to learn democracy, teacher shouldn't exercise any leadership but should go through the neighborhood like a professional Diogenes, looking for the honest poor to lead the community to truth. When you get to the guts of the matter there's a certain amount of snobbism involved. The assumption is that if you don't put restrictions on poverty workers, they will take over the community, because they are natural leaders. Actually, some poverty workers are good leaders and some aren't. This community is smart enough to know the difference without any help from downtown. Further, the so-called "conflict of interest" policy does not attempt to prevent economic or political conflicts, but rather stems from a theory about the role of the community organizer that anti-poverty professionals have to learn in order to get their master's degree. And we end up suffering because of their mis-education. Poverty workers should be permitted, like any other resident of the community, to run for elected community-wide office.

### The John Lord affair...

THE BIZARRE CASE of Eastern teacher John G. Lord brings to mind again the incident involving Susan Ruff at Hine Jr. High School last year. It brings to mind the hassle over the teachers who dared to discuss in class words that were part of the vernacular of their students. And it brings to mind the thought that Washington's rusty old school system isn't going to improve significantly -- no matter how much money is poured in -- until school administrators with prehistoric educational views stop harrassing every good teacher who comes down the pike.

### Missed it...

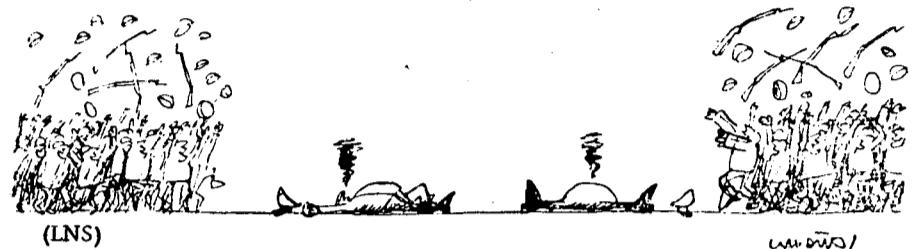
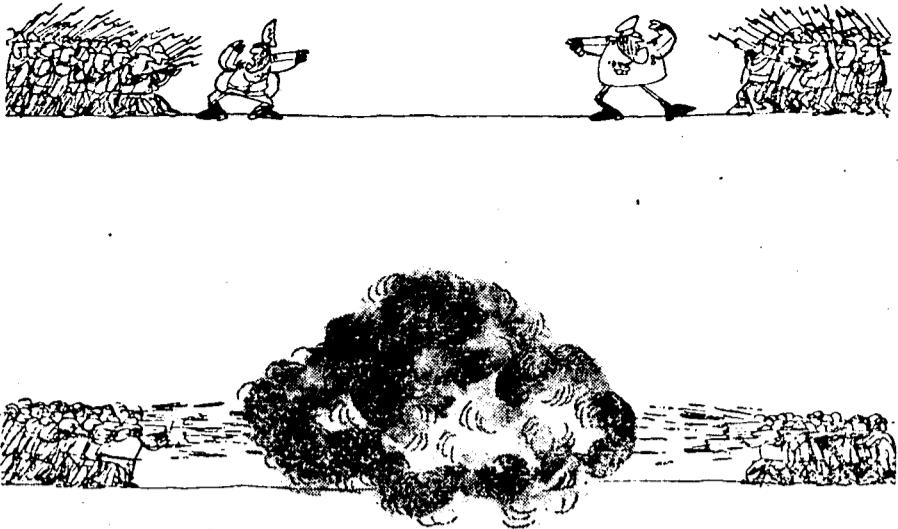
THE FLU HAD me down the night of the latest freeway fracas before the District Council. Sorry I missed the show. Isn't it interesting how uncomfortable the Council feels when it gets too close to an aroused citizenry? It makes it so much harder to slip things by.

Sam Abbott and the boys have developed constructive confusion to a high art. While there are well-meaning souls who wish it didn't have to be so, the fact remains that the fight against the freeway would not have gotten as far as it has without a little hell-raising. Under an elected government, the people could petition their leaders and get some response. Here the best you can hope for is five grudgingly donated minutes of testifying time. Even this doesn't do much good, since the real constituents of Walter Washington and the Council are the U.S. Congress and the White House. The citizens are just so much crabgrass in the lawn of District affairs.

The District is wiggling around some issues in addition to the freeway question. A few months ago, the Council worked diligently to come up with some alternatives to the Commissioner's proposed sales tax increase. Even though Washington took the position that the Council didn't have any say in the matter, he dropped the sales tax plan in favor of the Council's alternatives. But suddenly last month he wrote to Congress indicating that an increase in the sales tax was necessary. So much for the Council's diligent work. So much for the city's low income residents avoiding another increase in a regressive tax.

Still another case in point revolves around the Model Cities program. One year ago, when the District presented its original proposal, it was supposed to include --according to HUD guidelines -- a specific plan for citizen participation. Not

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(LNS)

-- Claudius

## Letters To The Editor

(THE GAZETTE WELCOMES LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. THEY SHOULD ARRIVE AT OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN THE 20TH OF THE MONTH: 109 8th ST. NE.)



### POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Dear Sir:

Recently a group of us began assisting Dr. King's Christian Leadership Conference workers in preparing for the significant Poor People's Campaign scheduled here in Washington this April.

Dr. King has agreed to lead us in walking together as men and brothers, in dignity and confidence, -- no longer to be disunited and dispossessed, but men determined to be free of all those things that perpetuate this intolerable situation.

We are wholeheartedly involved that the general welfare of America's pitiful and downtrodden Appalachian whites, reservation Indians, migrant Puerto Ricans, transient Mexicans, and lowly-graded Blacks be provided for now!

If poverty is ever to be overcome, it is obvious that poverty will have to do for itself. Therefore, the Poor People's Campaign calls upon all of Amer-

ica's disatisfied to join us in the united effort that this determination will exact from us all.

The Poor People's Campaign desperately needs all kinds of supplies and office equipment -- especially mimeograph and duplicating machines from donors at the earliest possible date. Nitty Gritty volunteer workers are needed also.

Make your personal effort with the Poor People's nerve-center, 1401 U St. NW. (462-7000).

For human rights,  
Jerry H. Pogue III  
Worker  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

AN APOLOGY  
To the Organized Citizenry  
of Capitol East:

Recent actions of the Board relating to change in priority of the Car Barn  
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## The Gazette

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# The McDowell Papers

By Charles McDowell Jr.



LET us all transport ourselves now to a remote military installation, where the commanding officer has summoned his top men to an emergency conference.

CO: Gentlemen, I have called you here to tell you that I am ordering this base on red alert within the hour.

MAJOR BARGLE: Red alert! It is that bad, colonel?

CO: The situation could hardly be more ominous. We could be hit at any time, gentlemen.

CAPT. MURKLEY: Do I assume correctly, sir, that you expect a missile strike?

CO: Oh, don't be a fool, Murkley. As proud as I am of this command, I doubt seriously that any enemy would launch an intercontinental missile at the Army Cooks and Bakers Field Training School.

LT. FINNABLE: Are you trying to tell us, sir, that the Vietcong are out there in those hills preparing to overrun us? If so, sir, let me assure you that Company C, Mobile Attack Ovens and Warmers, will let those cooks know they have been in a fight, sir.

CO: Oh shut up, Finnable. I think we can assume that we are relatively safe from the Vietcong here in Idaho.

BARGLE: If we will all be quiet, gentlemen, I know the colonel will describe the nature of the obviously serious threat that hovers over us.

CO: Right, Bargle. We can be confronted at any time with the sternest test that this command has ever faced. My career, for one, depends on how we conduct ourselves. And I personally can assure you that your careers depend upon it. Any officer among you who makes even one mistake will find himself commanding a flapjack platoon before you can say Betty Crocker.

BARGLE: We will stand with you, colonel, like a stone wall.

CO: Yes, I know I could count on you to put your heads together and do that. All right, gentlemen, the threat that hovers over us is the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson. He may swoop down from the sky and strike in our midst at any time.

MURKLEY: Sir, does G2 have information that the President is on the way?

CO: How would G2 know? His plans are kept secret to an extreme degree. Listen to this, for example, from the Washington Post: "He doesn't even like to tell Mrs. Johnson when he is going to Texas for a weekend."

FINNABLE: Gracious.

CO: So that you will know what we are up against, here is the latest intelligence from the Post: "For the remainder of the year much travel is expected, and nearly all of it will be without advance notice to the public. Mr. Johnson will suddenly appear at military bases. . . or he will walk on stage at a meeting of Rotarians or teachers or plumbers. . . Then off he will go to some other spot where security may be easily assured."

MURKLEY: Chilling, sir.

CO: From now on this base will be on 24-hour alert, seven days a week. One-third of our stoves, ovens and warmers will be kept at operating temperatures at all times. For the band, all leaves and passes are canceled indefinitely, and it will be ready to play "Hail to the Chief" on six minutes' notice. My own home will be kept in constant readiness for the President and his family. My wife and I will be moving in with you and Ethel, Major Bargle, and I want the dispensary to establish a nursery in my den. He might bring that grandchild.

BARGLE: Ethel will be delighted, Colonel, and I will have the dispensary personnel set up the nursery first thing in the morning. What shall we do about your mountain goat's head over the fireplace?

CO: Move it to your quarters. It might frighten the baby. And, Bargle, I want G2 to maintain constant surveillance of any announcements of conventions or significant public meetings within 300 miles of this base. And, for heaven's sake, stay in touch with the president of the Rotary Club in town. We want to make a friend of him; he might be able to tip up to D-Day.

BARGLE: Anything else, Colonel?

CO: Yes, I want to meet with all the ministers within 100 miles. I won't presume to tell them what to preach about, but I do want to give them some background. As for the base chaplain, I want the full text of his sermons on my desk every Friday night. In all things, gentlemen, just remember that he can strike at any time.

FINNABLE: If you will excuse me, sir, don't you think I ought to go and bake a cake?

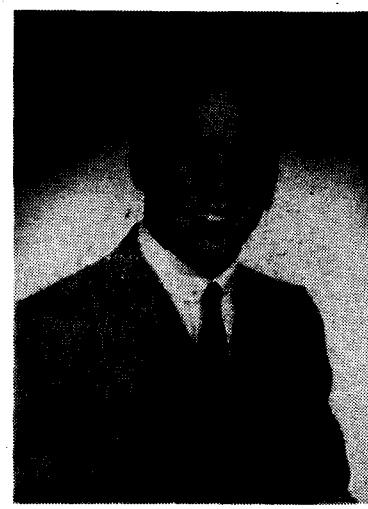
CO: Today and every day, Finnable, until further notice.

(RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH)

## NE Group Seeks Federal Funds

THE NINTH CHRISTIAN Community Association is attempting to get federal funds to rehabilitate housing in the area bordered by 2nd, 3rd, I and K NE. The group is being assisted in its efforts by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Under the plan, non-

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## Community Announcements

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## Capitol East Leadership Council

### Next Meeting - April 9th

#### MODERATOR FOR THIS MEETING

MRS. LOLA SINGLETARY, chairman Near NE Neighborhood Planning Council

THE Capitol East Leadership Council will hold its second meeting on April 9, 8 pm, at Keller Lutheran Church, 9th & Md. NE. All heads of civic groups, block clubs, social clubs, churches, PTA's, political precincts and service agencies are invited to attend.

#### Agenda Highlights

- Approval of Temporary Ground Rules
- Discussion of the Problems of Citizen Participation in the Model Cities Program
- Letters to the Council from Vice President Humphrey, UPO Director Wiley Branton and others
- Motions: The following motions have been proposed for the consideration of the Council:

1. Resolved: That the Council testify in opposition to a recently introduced bill in Congress that would force the District to complete planned freeway projects.
2. Resolved: That the Council write the Board of Elections and the School Board stating that the Capitol East Leadership Council is in favor of the designation of the Capitol East area as a regional school district, for establishment of a regional school administrative board and for the election of a Capitol East representative on the city-wide school board.
3. Resolved: That the Council supports the Poor People's campaign of Rev. Martin Luther King and that letters indicating this support be sent to the following: Commissioner Washington, congressional District committees, the press, the Director of Public Safety, commanders of police precincts 5 and 9, and DC General Hospital. Further that the Council urges all local groups to lend their support to the campaign.

- Suggestions from the floor of persons to be considered by the steering committee in preparing a slate of officers to be presented for consideration at the May meeting of the Council.

#### YOU'RE NEEDED!

If you are the leader of a Capitol East organization, agency, club, or church, the Council hopes you will participate in this important meeting.

#### NEED A RIDE?

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## What's The Capitol East



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# Following Paul at 16th & Gales

THE CITY OF Tarsus lies midway between Athens and Alexandria. How a certain Saul of that city, born near the year zero, learned the Greek of Alexandria instead of Athens is not known. Possibly his boyhood eyes, even then taken to religion, fell across papyrus scrolls from the Egyptian city in the library of his teacher, Gamaliel. If so, undoubtedly in the rubric of those scrolls were the words Mithraism and Serapis-Isis-Horus.

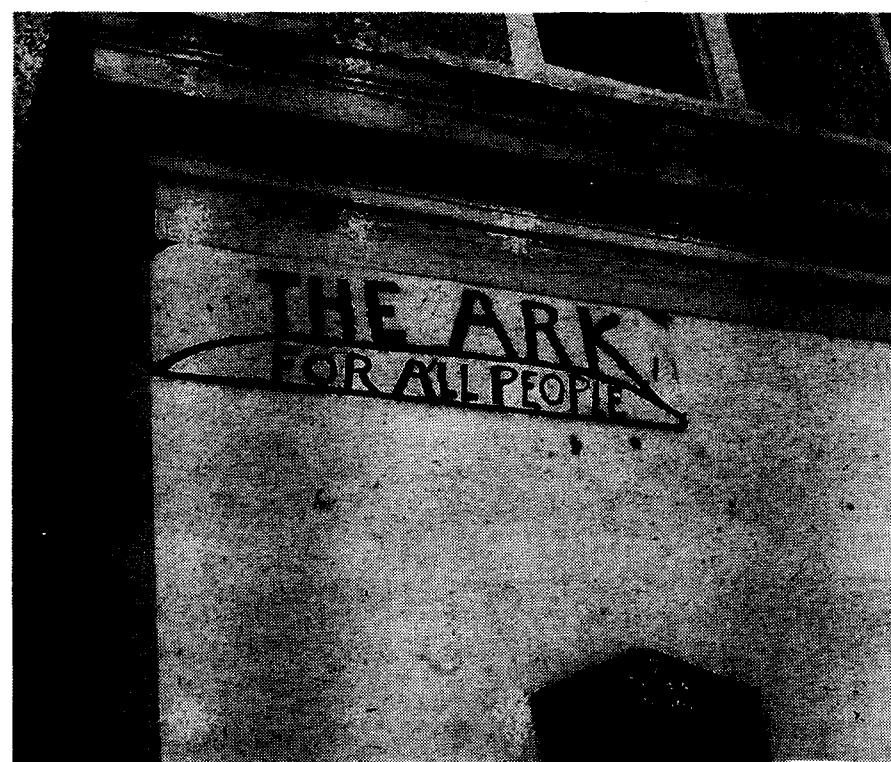
By Greg Lawrence

Alexandria had long been the god-head of such cults. These two in particular subscribed to the practice of sacerdotal robes and altars, to the blood sacrifice of communion, to the tricotomies of gods, to bells and candles in services. From Mithraism came Sunday as the worship day instead of the Jewish Sabbath. All of these matters would have long been reduced to academia had Saul, or Paul, not been the founder of the Church.

Twenty centuries have elapsed, with their lusters, their agonies, their mutations. In a northeast corner of Washington run the perpendiculars of 16th and Gales streets. They cross almost in an air of secrecy. The wrinkled wooden faces of the houses that grace the corner tell of fifty years of living and weather, yet sit silently in the shadow of gnawed trees and the late winter sun. Most of the former families have moved "to a nicer neighborhood." Remaining are the chronically poor and a church called the Ark for All People.

The Ark is eight years old and has 25 members. It broke off from Biblery Pentecostal in 1959 "to be in the makin' -- in the beginning of something." Those are the words of its founder and present pastor, Elder Lowe, a Paulist in his own way who "loves to see things grow." He's 63 and works 14 hours a day in two jobs to keep his Ark afloat. His reward comes every Sunday morning as he moves with dark certainty across the podium of his Ark.

The single room of the church is the size of a corner store (which it was once) with walls wooden, high, cut by windows coated in varicolored plastic, giving the illusion of stained glass. Some of the plastic is peeling. The ceiling is patched, crossed



by ventilation pipes and it sags from the walk of feet in an apartment above. From the ceiling hang four cords and four lights, two of them bare and bright. Against the walls are one trophy, yellow gold, won by three members in 1962 for singing in Col. Ed Brown's Music Hall show, and two photographs, one of Florence Mitchell, mother of the church who died last year, and the other of Elder Lowe, wearing a firm expression and a bow tie. The floor is wood and linoleum. On it sit seven pews, painted an enamel green. The members, overcoated and smiling, are moving their hands and faces in conviviality. Among them are Raleigh Walker, 55, a sanitation truck driver; Mrs. Anniebelle Webb, kitchen worker, two children, three grandchildren; Mrs. Lucile Smith, who babysits and has a bad back; and William Lancaster, who drives a cab and has hazed grey eyes. Most all of them are from the South, mostly the Carolinas. They came up in the thirties and forties, pulled or driven by war or depression and, here in the sixties, sit working, growing old and attending their small church. They like their small church because "it's something new, something we can be a part of."

In front of them stands Elder Lowe, dark robed and ubiquitous, clutching the tatterings of an old Bible and ab-

sorbed in the mysteries of thought. While he prays they sing, and when he rings the bell they moan to an attentive silence. Then begins his graveled, protracted voice, laying the laws of a thousand years before them and painting the dim geography of a strange and unfathomable euphoria. He speaks of a god in three persons, of apparitions, of love and vengeance and of unanimous death. He tells of a life beyond that somehow dissolves all the miseries they have known. His voice, eddying in a flow of unerring adjectives, moves the people before him and they begin to respond. They nod and talk to his phrases. From a silver tray, in small plastic cups, he administers communion and the people lapse into open prayer. Now in their own kind of mesmeria, they begin to sing. First there is humming, then the liquid padding of tamborines, the soft tap of shoes and the clap, clap, clap of hands that slap like rocks. As quickly, they glide into chorus, into chanting. At the crescendo of their incantation they writhe, they dance, they sweat. Arms and eyes move in praise, voices wail and faces swallow into joy or tears. And Quincy Lowe stands before them, with his robe, his book, his communion cups and his bell, lost in the ruminations of a story begun so long before. It is the moment of Nirvana, of Mithras, of Seraphis and Horus, of Christ and Paul. It is the moment when man, feeling almost timeless, comes nearest to his gods. The Ark for All People, a single leaning room suspended between 16th and Gales Streets, a block from People's Drug Store and thousands of miles from Jeruselum, or Egypt, Tarsus or South Carolina, becomes a blend of time and continents, a merger of history from the first stirrings of man to his last frail gesture of hope.

Paul died in Nero's Rome, still carrying on his cause. Quincy Lowe works in the capitol of another empire, continuing with the remnants of that same mission. History may not repeat itself; but in ways large and small, it paraphrases.

## Uncle Sam's a Bigot: Hobson

JULIUS Hobson told the Capitol Hill Community Council last month that he's built a strong enough case to prove federal government employment discrimination against blacks to "stand up in a South African court." Hobson, stormy petrel of the local black power movement, is seeking a court suit to end discriminatory practices in government hiring and promotion. Among the statistics he cited in support of his argument were the following: In 1960, 88% of the black civil service employees were in grades GS 4 and below. In 1966 the figure was 86%. In 1960, only 1.6% of those in grades GS 11 and above were black. In 1966 the figure was less than 1.6%. In his own agency, the Social Security Administration, out of 641 district managers, there were only five blacks. None were in the deep south. And none of SSA's 50 some regional managers were black. Hobson plans to expand his argument in a Saturday Evening Post article this month. His thesis: Uncle Sam's a bigot.

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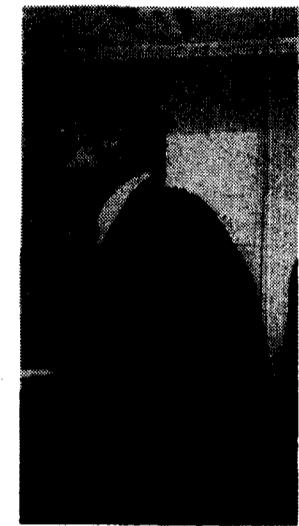
MELVIN T. Jackson, staff director of the Near NE anti-poverty program, is pictured at left receiving a desk set from Abdull Azeeze, neighborhood worker, as Mrs. Jackson looks on. Jackson had just resigned from his Near NE post to take over a three-county community action program in Pennsylvania. He was honored at a small party last month by a group of friends who had stuck by him during the months of turmoil within the Near NE program and during the repeated attempts by some poverty program board members to oust him. Jackson urged those present to fight "the forces of evil in the community." Azeeze, in making his presentation, called Jackson "the father of the house." Other presents were also given, including flowers for Mrs. Jackson, a wallet, and a single dollar bill "to help you on your way."

But if the fighting was over for Jackson, it was still going strong in Near NE. The Lola Singletary incident (see story page 1), a plan to disband the Near NE Citizens Advisory Council, the search for a new staff director, and a rumored purge of certain staff workers continued to stir controversy in the Near NE program.

### ... And Why Isn't This One?

BOOKER Yelder, pictured at right, has temporarily taken over responsibility for running the chaotic Near NE anti-poverty program. Yelder, who was director of the program's youth projects, remained carefully outside the program's squabbles of the past year. He earlier rejected a bid to become assistant director. Now with Melvin Jackson gone, and no assistant director on the job, the task of running the program for the next 60 days has fallen to Yelder.

One of Yelder's first headaches is finding a way to cut the budget of the program by \$36,000 next year, as required by the UPO, the city's anti-poverty agency.



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### MARKET DAY Cont'd

ter Washington, wife of the District's commissioner, who is honorary chairman of Market Day. Mrs. Philip Gasterer is general chairman.

Market Day got an unexpected boost from Commissioner Washington himself last month, when he substituted for his wife at a tea to which she had been invited as guest of honor. Mrs. Washington had to go out of town to give a speech, but sent the commissioner in her place. He greeted the Circle ladies and played with the children in the Friendship House playground.

For the first time, the day-long Market Day festivities will spill over into D St., which will be closed off for children's rides and colorful decorations.

find decorative plaques, papier-mache mirrors, pop art flower pots, colorful paper butterflies, cardboard folding cocktail tables, serapes and ponchos, and handmade children's clothes and beach clothes.

Also to be found at booths throughout the House will be a spread of baked goods of all kinds, a variety of household treasures and garden and patio items. Mrs. William Stratton will be on hand at the taco stand to demonstrate tortilla-making.

For children there will be burro rides, movies (including films of the Mexican comedian Cantinflas), pinatas and Latin-flavored cotton candy.

A Washington Redskin or two are also expected to make an appearance to sign autographs.

### Ball League Holds Awards Dinner

THE DC Settlement League held its first awards dinner March 22 at Christ Child House with two of Christ Child's girls' basketball teams being honored. One of the teams had won the DC Recreation Dept.'s women's league title while the other was scheduled to play for the CYO title late last month. The Settlement League was formed in November 1967 at the suggestion of Christ Child director Doris Adams. David Boddie, athletic and social recreation coordinator at Christ Child is chairman of the league. Coach of the Christ Child girls' team is Miss Bessie Stockard.

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## Small Strip Gets Money And a High Level Review

MRS. Lyndon Johnson's Committee for a More Beautiful Capital has received a grant that will be used to beautify and increase the usefulness of a strip of land behind the Bryan School playground in the 1300 block of S. C. SE.

About 40 interested citizens met at the school on March 21 to look over some proposed ideas for the 30' x 100' strip which is now mostly dirt and broken glass. The plans were drawn up by Lawrence Halprin Assoc.

District Councilmen Polly Shackleton and Stanley Anderson were among those present at the meeting. Also: Granville Woodson, assistant superintendent of schools for buildings and grounds; Mrs. Sharon Francis, Mrs. Johnson's beautification assistant, and architect James Coleman.

The citizens at the meeting asked primarily for tot equipment and landscaping and for a more attractive replacement for the chain link fence that separates the playground from the

### Maculae and Scapes On View at Gallery

TWO unusual painting techniques will be on view April 1-14 at Gallery deGaines, 411 E. Capitol St. The stained canvases of John Peplowski, called "Maculae and Scapes" will be shown at a one-man show that will also include sculptured polymer paintings. The show will be open daily, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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strip. They also asked for more equipment for teen activities on the playground itself. Woodson said he had some money he could apply toward such equipment.

There was also discussion of the possibility of using part of the playground for touch football, since this is one of the main functions of the strip at present.

Mrs. Shackleton, Mrs. Francis, and several of the other officials involved will visit the playground on a future Saturday to talk with the children there before preparing final plans for the strip.

## Crowd Greets Ted At 11th & H NE

SENATOR Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) was enthusiastically received last month at a street corner rally at 11th & H NE. Kennedy spoke to some 1000 persons who gathered at twilight to hear the brother of presidential candidate Robert Kennedy urge them to register to vote for the McCarthy-Kennedy ticket on the May 7 primary ballot. Among those sharing the platform with Sen. Kennedy were Mrs. Nadine Winter and Mrs. Lola Singletary.

Meanwhile, Capitol East has added to the list of Democratic defectors from the Johnson camp. Capitol East Democratic leaders Nadine Winter and Marguerite Kelly both bolted to join the dump-Johnson movement.

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## Veep Raps UPO For Sloth In Teen Center Fund Crisis

VICE President Hubert Humphrey, in a letter to the Capitol East Leadership Council, rapped the knuckles of the United Planning Organization for its failure to seek federal funds for local teen centers when it first realized that demonstration grants for the projects would not be renewed.

The Leadership Council, a coalition of heads of organizations in Capitol East, wrote the Vice President and other officials urging that the teen centers be refunded.

Humphrey indicated his support of the centers ("My staff was attempting to assist even before the recent newspaper publicity") and added:

"It is an important fact that the United Planning Organization knew that no further funds were available from HEW (Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare) several months ago. Nevertheless, no proposal was submitted to any of the other Federal agencies which could have reasonably considered it as within their jurisdiction. As a result, discussion are now just being started that the interested parties should have started months ago. I therefore do not feel that the Federal Government has failed to live up to its responsibilities."

Humphrey wrote his letter as it was announced here that the centers would be given a one month reprieve. The centers, funded under demonstration money, were scheduled to fold last month. But strong protests by youths and by community groups, primarily directed at Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz, whose department had originally sponsored the centers, led to the releasing of \$66,000 from HEW to keep the programs going a few weeks longer. Meanwhile, negotiations are continuing in an effort to get long-term funding for the centers.

The two youth centers in Capitol East are the Teen Mobilization Center, 1306 Penna. SE, and the Near NE center at 1335 H NE.

### Mothers' Workshop At Potomac Gardens

A "Mothers' Workshop" has been started at Potomac Gardens. The group meets every Tuesday from 930 am to 1030 am through April 23. Discussed at the meetings are parental problems such as discipline, fighting and quarreling in the family, special problems in the single-parent home, and holding a job while being a mother. The meeting place is the Potomac Garden Recreation Room, 700 12th SE.

Babysitters are available. All parents in the area are invited. If you need a ride you may call Mrs. Watts at ST 3-6111 ext. 576.

At its first formal meeting last month, the Capitol East Leadership Council also went on record in support of completion of the Arthur Capper plaza project, a multi-service center which has received the endorsement of Mrs. Johnson's beautification committee and which has been implicitly promised to local residents by government officials, but for which funding is not presently available.

Some forty persons holding leadership roles in over thirty Capitol East organizations attended the meeting of the Council, which is designed to provide a forum for Capitol East civic leaders to cooperate for community action and to share information.

The next meeting of the Council will be on April 9 at Keller Church, 9th & Md. NE at 8 pm. At this meeting, agenda items include discussion of citizen participation in the Model Cities program, and motions concerning freeways, school districts and the Poor People's Campaign. Additional information can be found on page 4.

## Food Stamps

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until they were extinct.

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to quarters; for others, pennies.

i did not mind moving down & turned  
pennies into buffaloes again & turned  
over the buffaloes and found indians.

the indian was worth saving.

II  
today the indian on the indian head  
nickle died.

i had known him for years.  
he was 80, the paper said. & the value  
of the coin will go up

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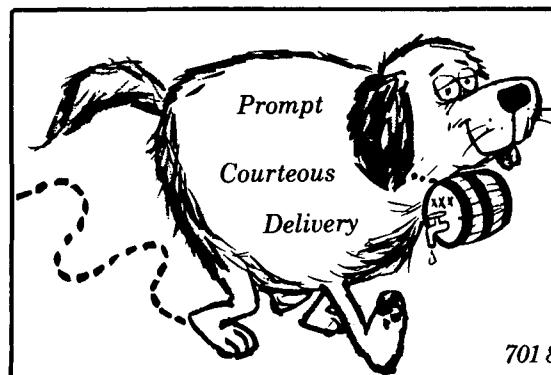
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## Pete Ward Heads New Program

PETE WARD, FORMER Friendship House staffer and a Near SE resident, will be running a \$400,000 program to train domestic workers in Northern Va. Ward, who heads the Alexandria Urban League office, will be in charge of the effort to improve the skills and incomes of local domestic workers. The idea is to train 200 workers and help them establish a cooperative business that would provide household help at a decent wage. Currently, according to the Urban League, domestics in Northern Va. earn an average of \$40 weekly, often work a six day week.

## EARLY TODAY Cont'd

surprisingly, it didn't. What is surprising is that one year, one government, and several HUD dunning memos later, the city still hasn't got an effective plan for citizen participation. Commissioner Washington has given himself three more months of breathing space by coming up with a committee to come up with a plan. Washington had a couple of feasible proposals before him, couldn't choose between them, so picked neither. Near NE's John Anthony has been pushing for a system of elected neighborhood advisory councils, which makes a lot of sense, but which is perhaps a little too close to the real goal of citizen participation for the comfort of the boys downtown. The city will make up its mind one of these days, but the waiting sure gets tiresome.

## Best show in town

IT SEEMS LIKE a lot of people, both the militants and the extremist moderates, are putting down Martin Luther King. I share some of the doubts that been expressed as to whether his efforts here this spring will make any difference. On the other hand, I wonder whether anything will. MLK does have one big factor in his favor. He is doing something. Congress isn't. The White House isn't. The District isn't. The Urban League isn't. Stokely isn't. Possible or impossible, King's show is the best we've got in town this spring, and it behooves all who would like to see some changes made to lend a hand. There's a letter on page 2 that explains how.

And now for a second cup of coffee.

-- sam smith

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## Sierra Club Holds Open House

THE Washington Group of the Sierra Club, nationwide conservation organization, will open its doors to the public on Saturday April 13 at 235 Mass. NE.

The club's photographic exhibit, "The Last Redwoods," will be on display, pointing up congressional hearings on the proposed Redwood National Park during the following week.

Club members will be at the office from noon to 5:30 pm to greet visitors. Books and posters published by the club will also be available and refreshments will be served.

## Two Here Refuse To Pay War Tax

TWO Capitol East residents have joined other anti-war protesters in refusing to pay so-called "war taxes." The two are Anne Brann and David Hartsough. Mrs. Brann told the Gazette last month that she had sent two-thirds of her 1967 income tax to the Modern Strivers, a student action group at Eastern High School, rather than to the Internal Revenue Service. Mrs. Brann says this amount represents the portion of her taxes that goes in support of war.

Mrs. Brann stated:

"I do not believe that these wars are for my health, safety or interest. Instead it appears to me that the people of the United States must immediately learn to protect themselves from their own 'Defense' Department. For it is the United States' own military which is presently making extensive preparation to suppress those black communities which are now ready to rise up against the violence rendered on them for so many years. It is this same military whose operations are forcing more and more American men into involuntary servitude."

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## Senator Brooke Visits NE Club



THE smiles on the faces are for Senator Edward Brooke (R- Mass.) who has his back to the camera. From left to right are Lavern Marlow, Lenita McLaughlin and Star Arrington who met Senator Brooke when he visited the St. Joseph's Teen Club, 2nd & C NE, recently. Senator Brooke spent a half hour with the group and commended it for its acitivities over the past three years.

The St. Joseph's Teen Club are being advised by Paul Lombardi and Charles Mahoney of St. Paul's College.

The club is a program of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

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### *The Police Beat*

## Crime Jumps in 9th Again

CRIME took a 48.1 % jump in the 9th Precinct in February compared to February 1967, while city-wide the crime rate only increased 14.6%. Nonetheless, the actual number of crimes in the 9th in February was the lowest in recent months. The Fifth's crime rate dropped 3.1 % for the same period.

In other crime and police news last month:

■ A survey by the police during three

A survey by the police during three months last fall has been released, showing the following intersections as the most dangerous for traffic accidents in this community. (Number of accidents during three month period listed after location): 4th & Fla. NE (18), S. Capitol St. & 1st SE (16), 11th St. Bridge (15), 6th & Fla. NE (12), Douglas

Bridge (12). The intersection at 4th & Fla. NE was one the highest accident locations in the city.

■ George Apperson, president of the local transit union, indicated that he may take bus drivers off robbery-prone routes in Near NE and Far SE. There have been a large number of bus hold-ups in the 9th, 11th and 14th precincts.

■ Commissioner Walter Washington and Director of Public Safety Patrick Murphy were among those attending funeral services for slain Fifth Precinct patrolman Eugene L. Williams. Williams was shot in the 700 block of 12th SE as he attempted to question a motorist about a minor accident. Williams lived with his wife and children at 229 17th SE. Following the shooting, more than

A high-contrast, black and white portrait of a man. He is wearing round-rimmed glasses and a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is looking slightly to his left. The background is dark and indistinct. The entire image is enclosed within a thick black border.

CAPT. KINNEY: Promoted

two dozen SE citizens reported to the Fifth Precinct to volunteer information. Said Homicide Squad chief Capt. Arthur Weber, "It was a fine display of cooperation."

■ The February crime report shows only one area of Capitol East having a "very high" incident of crime for the month. This area is bounded by Fla. Ave., 6th, 10th and G NE.

■ Captain Daniel Hoadley has been named the new commander of the 5th Precinct, to replace Captain John Kinney who has been promoted to inspector rank.

■ Lt. Robert I. Rabe of the 9th Precinct leads the list of lieutenants on the promotion list for captain.

**MRS. SINGLETARY Cont'd**

**MRS. LOLA SINGLETARY**  
CIC board members began pressing for the removal of Mrs. Singletary.

Mrs. Singletary and her supporters charge that she is the victim of retaliation because of her election victory, her anti-Johnson political activities and her support of former CIC staff director Melvin Jackson, which had been in conflict with many CIC board members.

Mrs. Singletary's critics in Near NE say that she campaigned for the plan-

ning council post on CIC time. And UPO maintains that it is a conflict in roles for a neighborhood worker to hold a community leadership position. It was not clear, however, where this UPO "policy" was spelled out prior to the incident over Mrs. Singletary. It is known that other anti-poverty workers throughout the city have held or are holding community leadership posts similar to Mrs. Singletary's. One of these is Friendship House staff worker Raymond Smith, who has been co-chairman of the Near SE Neighborhood Planning Council.

When first questioned about the Smith case, Bernard Fulton, UPO's chief of operations, said that no action had been taken because no complaints had been received from the community. Later he said the policy against participation in leadership posts would be applied across the board.

Friendship House staff director Robert Adams told the Gazette that he and Fulton had discussed the matter and that he had told Fulton that Friendship House policy was that neighborhood workers could not hold leadership roles in groups to which they were assigned as staff members, but that they were otherwise free to participate fully as citizens of the community. He indicated that he would fight any attempt

by UPO to restrict that policy.

From the start, the Singletary case has been heavy with confusion. Normal personnel and grievance procedures were initially ignored by both UPO and the CIC. Both Fulton and UPO director Wiley Branton directly intervened in the matter before it had gone through normal channels. Among other things, Fulton implied that the CIC's board action could have an effect on UPO's decision whether to continue funding the CIC as the local anti-poverty agency.

The minutes of the CIC personnel committee meeting of March 12 state:

"The UPO representative, Mr. Fulton, stated that Mrs. Singletary would have to make a choice between her position with CIC and the elective position. He also stated that the funding for the organization did not bear directly upon this single incident. However, since a considerable amount of time had been spent with this group for the past year by UPO, it could be brought into consideration as a part of the whole matter."

Several CIC staff members told the Gazette last month that they thought the removal of Mrs. Singletary might be followed by attempts to fire other staff members who had been loyal to ex-director Jackson.

## Senior Citizens Meet in SE

THIRTY retired men and women of Capitol East are meeting at the Washington City Church of the Brethren, 4th & NC SE, each Monday afternoon from 1 to 3 pm for informal social activities, games, entertainment and refreshments. All retired men and women, 60 years and older, are invited to participate in this program sponsored by the Capitol Hill Group Ministry. For more information, call 547-5924.

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site acquisition have caused a degree of unrest within the Capitol Hill community. In retrospect, the Board can sympathize with the community by realizing that the procedure which was followed might have been improved. It seems more logical now that the change in priority might have followed the public hearing rather than preceding it.

The Board regrets this action and seeks to improve its procedure for further determinations of this sort. In the future, when there are two or more projects affecting a single area of the city and there is a concern regarding the priority between them, the Board will call a Public Hearing for the purpose of obtaining the views of all interested citizens prior to altering priorities in any respect.

We appreciate your interest and concern in matters relating to Capitol East and pledge our full support before Congress for both the Car Barn acquisition and the Natatorium construction. We believe these projects are not incompatible and both have a very high priority in our 1969 Capital Program.

Your assistance and support in the appropriation process will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Mary Maxine Boyd  
Secretary  
DC Recreation Board

## Seeks Volunteers

ATONEMENT House, 1330 G NE, is seeking volunteers for the following programs: Tuesday evening ~~training~~ program, After School Club (M-W-F 3:30 pm) and the Pre-School Club on Tuesday morning at 9 am.

A recent newsletter of the Lutheran center also indicated a need for someone who knows how to waterproof masonry walls.

BY MARIAN FRIEDMAN

## Eastern High School News

THE CLASS of 1970 has elected its officers for the coming year. Sheila Turner was elected president in a close race with Norman Hawkins. Charles Thompson narrowly defeated Barbara Green for vice president. Cynthia Hill triumphed over Sandra Billups for secretary. Delmas Maxwell became treasurer in a victory over Mary Brown. All are now working together to plan for next year's big event: the Junior Prom.

On March 20, the Prep Club awards were given to those students who had successfully completed the program of instruction, evaluation and visits to the business world sponsored by the Washington Board of Trade. Eastern was the pilot school in this project, which has just completed its third year. It is felt that very worthwhile results have been shown, and several other schools now have adopted this program.

College acceptances are going well, and it is believed that this year, for the first time, every Eastern senior who really wants to attend some college will be able to do so, regardless of economic problems. We are especially thankful for the opening of the Washington Technical Institute, where students of all ages may further their education while engaged in a full-time job secured by the college for them.

For the past several weeks, juniors have been taking a battery of tests which are standard throughout the city. It is hoped that parents will show interest in their children's results when they are returned. The scores are the same all over the country, and it is good to know that our students as a whole are at or near the average for the U. S. Of course, many do much better than that, as shown by our excellent rate of college admissions.

Unfortunately, the REACH program of enrichment after school and on Saturdays did not have enough registrants to be held at Eastern. Those registered will go to McKinley or Cardozo for this year, and next year we hope to have the classes scheduled here again.

## Brent PTA Plans For New School, Debates Boundaries

BY KATHY SMITH

RECOMMENDATIONS for improved staffing and curriculum, for in-service training, for an experimental classroom, for an extended day program, and for extended boundaries for the new Brent school building have been sent to the District Board of Education by the Brent PTA.

The recommendations were contained in a fifteen page report prepared by an advisory committee chaired by S. White Rhyne, which was formed to enlist the community in planning for the new enlarged school now being constructed at 3rd and D SE. The school will open this September.

All sections of the report -- except a controversial boundary recommendation which extended present boundaries south from E to G SE -- were passed easily by the PTA membership at a meeting March 14. A revised boundary recommendation, which added a portion of the Arthur Capper Dwellings (between 3rd, Canal, K and NJ Ave.) was approved at a second meeting on March 20.

Brent principal David Rotter called on the community early this year for its ideas for the new three-story school which will include 16 flexible classrooms, a reading clinic, a speech lab, a library with a separate entrance that could be used on weekends, and a one-story wing that includes an all-purpose room and a multi-service center that could be used by the community in off-school hours.

The committee report approved by the PTA stressed improvement of staff through recruitment of excellent teachers and through an in-service training program for staff involving Brent, Lenox and Giddings schools. Among the requests were ones for a full-time prin-

cipal, social worker, librarian, remedial reading and speech teachers, specialists, and music and art teachers.

The curriculum section urges flexibility in grouping children by ability and freedom for the teachers in selecting materials. A program using the school's facilities for community activities such as arts and crafts, recreation, tutoring, counseling, music and dramatics was also proposed. This "extended day" program would be open to all residents of the neighborhood and could be utilized by children from other schools.

Though the report stated that Brent should not achieve educational excellence at the expense of surrounding schools, and that each of the recommendations was also desirable for the other schools, the committee came under some criticism for not concerning itself with the total community.

The fact that the school will go from a 224 pupil capacity to 426 provided the most room for community disagreement. Rotter suggested at the February meeting that there were four alternative means for filling the 200 additional places at the new Brent: (1) extension of the present boundaries in the immediate community, (2) open boundaries, (3) busing from other sections, and (4) a tri-school plan with neighboring Giddings and Lenox.

The advisory committee placed primary emphasis on maintaining integration at Brent, which is now 30% white and 70% Negro.

"Brent is located in one of the few areas of the city where an integrated education is possible without busing, and the committee believes that this opportunity for all the children of Brent should be preserved," the report said.

The original version of the report  
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thus recommended the extension of present boundaries southward from E to G SE in order to accomplish its three major objectives: (1) centering the Brent school in its service area, (2) relieving overcrowding in neighboring Lenox and Van Ness, and (3) preserving and encouraging the present, social and economic integration at the school by adding an area similar in character to the present Brent service area.

The entire boundary would have run from South Capitol to 8th to East Capitol to G St. and South Carolina Ave.

To some, however, this appeared to create a "white haven" since the boundaries would include only blocks likely to be restored by white middle class people and no public housing.

Kathy Ross, a Brent parent active in local and citywide school affairs, was among those who saw the proposed boundaries as harmful to surrounding schools:

"I think maintaining the present racial and economic balance at Brent

is OK if you are not hurting the other schools around Brent. But you are taking from Giddings all their private housing children which is the only kind of integration they have.

"If it is the main interest to maintain Brent as an integrated school at all costs, that is not fair to other schools. For parents of the other schools who have no chance for integration, having an integrated school next door means nothing. Quality in all schools is more important to them."

The supporters of this position, a group of parents from Brent and neighboring schools, presented a tri-school plan which would combine Brent, Lenox and Giddings into one school with two grades at each, with a total capacity of 1300. The 200 new places at Brent would take up the serious overcrowding at neighboring Van Ness which could then be the center for a community school program.

"The area served by Van Ness represents the area of highest population density and most needs additional educational and recreational services for

both children and adults," the tri-school proposal said.

This position was supported by Friendship House director Robert Adams. The Giddings PTA has also voted unanimously in favor of the tri-school plan.

The large majority of Brent parents attending the March 20 meeting disagreed with the tri-school proposal.

Several denied that Brent would ever become an all-white school. "There are not that many white middle class parents with a public school commitment in this area," said boundary committee chairman Merle Baumgart. He pointed out that the 200 new children coming to Brent next fall would be predominantly poor and Negro, no matter which direction the boundaries were extended.

Tri-school supporter Barbara Brent insisted, "The most important issue is quality education. I've heard people say if you dissipate the small number of white and Negro middle class among 1300 mainly lower class children in a tri-school this will be resegregation. But no one says this has to mean a lack

of quality."

Brent parent Robert Blackwell answered to applause that "integration is part of quality education. But you can't begin everywhere. If you have something a little good and spread it around you will lose it altogether."

When it became clear that the consensus was not with the tri-school plan, this issue was dropped and the discussion turned to the amended committee proposal, drawn up after the PTA had refused to approve the original plan.

The amended plan took in some of Capper (between 3rd, K, Canal, and NJ Ave.). There was some discussion that this would result in resegregation of Brent because the area taken in was dissimilar to the rest of the Brent area, but there was not enough support for this position to go back to the committee's original boundaries.

The amendment passed unanimously, with several abstentions.

Mrs. Brent said that the tri-school backers would continue to meet separately and that anyone interested was welcomed.

**The Idler**

**T**HIS is the time when we, as diligent American voters, are supposed to consider the alternatives. I have done so and have found that the alternatives may be divided into several categories, thusly:

**1. UNACCEPTABLE DISASTERS**

**A. Lyndon Johnson.** Mr. Johnson's last useful act was his defeat of Goldwater in 1964. It's been downhill ever since. Some people conclude that Johnson would be a great president were it not for Vietnam.

**The Voice of the Turtle and Other Choices**

This is not true. Johnson would not be a great president under any circumstance. He is an inadequate administrator, a deceiver, a usurper of constitutional functions, an imperialist, and a petty, furtive and parochial politician who has turned Washington into the biggest county-seat government in the history of the world. Four more years of Johnson and men of democratic inclination will welcome exile in DeGaulle's France.

**B. Richard Nixon.** There are a hundred reasons why Nixon shouldn't be elected and if you don't know them by now, you just haven't been listening. We can't hold up the whole class for a few dullards. A couple of interesting facts, however, might be worth citing here:

(1) It has been 18 years since Nixon last won an election on his own. Among presidential hopefuls, only Harold Stassen can claim a better record. Nixon standing alone last won in 1950 against Helen Gahagan Douglas. That's the sort of campaign it apparently takes for a Nixon victory.

(2) If you accept Dwight Eisenhower's view of Nixon's activities as Vice President -- "Give me a week and I'll think of something" -- it also appears that Nixon has not had to take a clear public stand on any issue since 1952, when he was last in the Senate. Since that time (with the exception of breaking a couple of tie votes in the Senate as Vice President), Nixon has been able to talk about every issue without having to act on any. It is small wonder that circumlocution is one of his greatest talents. What Nixon actually would do on any specific issue is something that only astrologers and computers can tell us. And, in any event, it's a risk not worth taking.

**C. George Wallace.** We have enough troubles with the essence of the problem -- Messrs. Nixon and Johnson -- without having to tackle the quintessence of the problem, Mr. Wallace.

**2. ACCEPTABLE DISASTERS**

**A. Nelson Rockefeller.** Due to poor conservation practices on the part of the Eastern Establishment, this species is now considered virtually extinct.

**B. Bobby Kennedy.** Bobby is clever, opportunistic, and potentially quite dangerous. Among the other choices with these characteristics, however, he rates quite favorably. His big weakness is a tendency to use tanks on his opponents when a whiff of Mace would do just as well. His big strength is that most of what he says about foreign and domestic issues makes sense. The question is whether he can help the poor as well as be photographed with them. If he does what he says, he could be an excellent president. On the other hand, Bobby in the White House could become just as intolerable as LBJ in the

White House. Nevertheless, at the very least -- as they say in Paraguay -- this country needs a new dictator.

**3. THE COP-OUT**

In the event that the ultimate choice is between Unacceptable Disasters, the Cop-out is an alternative well worth considering, no matter what your high school civics teacher told you. It is not true that one has a moral obligation to vote. That moral obligation presupposes a series of events leading to the nomination of candidates between whom a moral choice can be made. If the event of a choice between Johnson, Nixon and Wallace, one in good conscience may:

a. Vote Socialist Labor, Prohibition, or write graffiti on the ballot.

b. Go fishing.

c. Demand, in the interest of retaining some national sanity, that local officials permit the bars to be open on election day.

Before the Cop-out is taken, however, one caveat is worth mentioning: It may be in one's self-interest to participate in the selection of the man who will preside over the disintegration of America. There is a difference between Johnson and Nixon. Johnson didn't like the riot commission report. Nixon would not have appointed a riot commission. LBJ's housing program is inadequate. Nixon doesn't have one. LBJ got us into a mess in Vietnam in the sixties. Nixon wanted to get us into a mess in Vietnam in the fifties.

**4. EUGENE MCCARTHY**

Several days after the New Hampshire primary, the New York Times carried a full page ad with McCarthy's photo and the headline: "Suddenly there's hope in America."

The words sum up the startling effect of the McCarthy campaign. I confess that originally I had watched McCarthy somewhat ambiguently. From what I knew of the man, and of his voting record, he seemed an unlikely candidate to lead the charge. But as he spoke -- and as others spoke against him -- it became clear that he was injecting unique issues into the campaign: logic, honor, decency, civility and hope.

I recalled the lines of Tennessee Williams: "The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks."

The man has performed magnificently. One does not have to agree with his every view to realize that he is staking out a claim for all who wish America to be hospitable to change and truth. Alone among those seeking the presidency, his is not a personal battle in the guise of national issues, but rather a national struggle in the guise of a personal candidacy.

It may be that the only practical alternative to the Unacceptable Disasters is the Acceptable Disaster. But until we are forced to make that choice, we can revel in the luxury of affirming something good, supporting something right, and declaring loudly and joyously that the best of human values shall not be added to the list of victims of an automated society.

Until ugly reality pushes me elsewhere, I am -- with gusto and with glee -- a McCarthy man. And my song is that of Solomon:

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo! the winter is past, the rain is over and  
gone;

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of  
the singing of birds is come, and the voice  
of the turtle is heard in our land.

-- sam smith

# Capitol East Calendar

## APRIL

Calendar listings should be received at the Gazette office, 109 8th NE (543-5850), no later than the 20th of the month. Events marked with a star are of particular interest to the community.

1st

PUBLIC INTEREST CIVIC Association. Meeting. Calvary Church, 6th and I NE. (Every 1st Monday). 8 pm.

EXHIBITION by John Peplowski. Sculptured Polymers with maculae and scapes. Through April 14. Gallery deGaines, 411 E. Capitol. 11 am to 7 pm.

2nd

★NEAR NE FEDERATION. Meeting. Douglas Memorial Church, 11th & H NE 7 pm.

DISTRICT COUNCIL. Meeting. District Building, 14th & E NW. 10 am.

3rd

SCHOOL BOARD. Meeting. Coolidge High School. 5th & Tuckerman NW. 730 pm.

9TH PRECINCT ADVISORY Council. Meeting. (every 1st Weds.) 9th Precinct, 525 9th NE. 8 pm.

FOLK MUSIC SERVICE. Special Lenten service led by Joseph Hickerson, who will sing, play guitar and speak about several folk songs "that have given religious expression to our culture." Preceding the program, a covered dish supper will be held. All are invited to come and bring a dish. Ingram Congregational Church, 10th & Mass. NE. Supper: 630 pm. Service: 730 pm.

4th

NEAR NE CITIZENS ADVISORY Council. Meeting. 1328 Fla. NE. (Every 1st Thurs.) 8 pm.

5th

FILM. "The Gospel According to St. Matthew." Directed by Pier Paolo Pasolini. St. Mark's Episcopal Church. 3rd & A SE. 8 pm.

6th

★MARKET DAY. Annual fair sponsored by Circle-on-the-Hill for the benefit of Friendship House. This year's theme "Mexico." Friendship House, 619 D SE. 10 am to 5 pm.

8th

RESTORATION SOCIETY. Meeting. (Every 2nd Monday.) Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. 4th & Ind. SE. 8 pm.

9th

★CAPITOL EAST LEADERSHIP Council. Meeting. All heads of organiza-

tions, clubs, political precincts, churches, and social agencies are invited to attend. See agenda page 4. Keller Lutheran Church, 9th & Md. NE 8 pm.

DC RECREATION BOARD. Meeting. 3149 16th NW. 230 pm.

11th

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT Corp. Meeting. 1328 Fla. NE. 8 pm.

15th

FIFTH PRECINCT ADVISORY Council. Meeting. (Every 3rd Mon.) 5th Precinct, 500 E SE. 830 pm.

16th

DISTRICT COUNCIL. Meeting. District Bldg. 14th & E NW. 730 pm.

17th

DC SCHOOL BOARD. Meeting. District Bldg. 14th & E NW. 730 pm.

CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY Council. Meeting. St. Cecilia's School. 6th & E. Capitol. 8 pm.

CIRCLE-ON-THE-HILL. Meeting. To discuss proposed by-law changes. Friendship House, 619 D SE. 8 pm.

18th

NEAR NE CITIZENS ADVISORY Council. Open Forum. (Every 3rd Thurs.) Call 547-7200 for location. 8 pm.

22nd

NEAR SE NEIGHBORHOOD Advisory Council. Meeting. (Every 4th Mon.) Friendship House, 619 D SE. 8 pm.

27th

SPRING FAIR. Azalea Sale, art show, food. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3rd & A SE. 11 am to 7 pm.

30th

NEAR NE BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL Council. Meeting (Every last Tues.) Calvary Church, 6th & I NE. 8 pm.

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## Azaleas and Pickles

## St. Mark's To Hold Sale

A "SPRING Fair," featuring an azalea sale, an arts show, a bake sale, plus jellies, jams and pickles, topped off with a full-course dinner, is set for St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3rd & A SE, on Saturday April 27.

The azaleas, field-grown plants 3 to 4 years old, go on sale at 11 am at the Parish Hall, but Bruce Sladen, chairman for the event, advises residents to order in advance. The plants are 75¢ each, available in red, white or pink -- of orders are placed early. Call the church, daytime, Monday through Friday, 11 3 - 0053.

A group of women at the church had a "cook-in" on March 23 to prepare

some of the goodies to be sold in the church.

Sandwiches, including hot dogs, and coffee and cold drinks, will be available during the day.

The dinner, which will cost \$1.50, will be served from 4 to 7 pm.

## AU Students Help in NE

A HALF - DOZEN American University students have formed the Near NE Action Corps and are taking an active part in the community through tutoring activities and a regular newsletter.

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